



**KENT COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
ACADEMIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT
PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

PROJECT NAME: Sexual and Relationship Violence Prevention

SEMESTER: Winter 2016

PRECEPTOR: Amy Endres-Bercher

DESCRIPTION: This internship will provide experience in the public health approach to the primary prevention of relationship and sexual violence focusing primarily on youth and young adults in school and after school programs. The student will gain skills for planning and implementing youth trainings and leadership opportunities to reach diverse audiences. The student will utilize social media for community mobilization for the prevention of violence and to increase bystander intervention skills. This project will offer a student experience using currently established violence prevention campaigns via social media or the opportunity to create new campaigns using varied mediums such as videography, music, dance, creative arts, or other innovative ideas that would appeal to and capture the interest and enthusiasm of the community.

PROJECT DELIVERABLES: The student will participate in the Kent County Sexual Assault Prevention Action Team (a community coalition consisting of domestic and sexual violence prevention professionals). The student will also co-lead, along with community partners, the Young Leaders against Violence youth advisory council to assist with planning violence prevention awareness activities. Another deliverable associated with this project involves the student co-presenting the multi-session Safe Dates Dating and Sexual Violence Prevention Program in Grand Rapids Public Middle and High Schools with Health Department staff. Lastly, the student will assist with collection and analysis of Safe Dates Program evaluation data and preparation of a final report for schools and funders.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Students applying for this internship should be enrolled in high school, or an associate's or bachelor's degree program. Computer proficiency is required. Familiarity using SPSS and Microsoft Publisher is desired, but not required. Basic comfort and proficiency using Facebook, Instagram, and other social media is preferred. Comfort with public speaking and presentation also preferred.

COMPETENCIES: The student selected for this internship opportunity should expect to develop public health skills and competencies in the following categories:

- Analytical and Assessment Skills
- Policy Development and Program Planning Skills
- Communication Skills
- Cultural Competency Skills
- Community Dimensions of Practice Skills
- Public Health Science Skills
- Financial Planning and Management Skills
- Leadership and Systems Thinking Skills

